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COMPONENT

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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312 AND  
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Further to the Notice of Allowance, mailed September 23, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the claims as indicated on the following pages. This amendment is being filed concurrently with payment of the issue fee. An Issue Fee Transmittal is filed herewith.

A listing of claims begins at page 2 of this amendment and includes amendments made by Examiner's Amendment dated September 23, 2005. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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